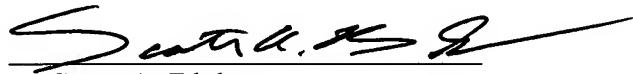


REMARKS

In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated December 27, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Applicants have cancelled claim 1, thereby obviating the Examiner's rejection. All remaining pending claims 17-36 have been allowed. Accordingly, a Notice Of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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